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**MILWAUKEE COUNTY EMS  
STANDARD OF CARE  
TENSION PNEUMOTHORAX**

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History	Signs/Symptoms	Working Assessment
Patient sustained chest trauma	Visible or palpable chest trauma Severe respiratory distress Decreased or absent breath sounds on one side Hypotension Patient is pulseless Restlessness/agitation Increased resistance to ventilation Jugular vein distention Tracheal deviation away from affected side	Tension pneumothorax

